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In the Claims

- 1. (Previously Presented) A dual temperature indicator stick assembly comprising:
- a first indicator stick housing positioned along a first axis and configured to hold a compound which melts at a first given temperature;
- a second indicator stick housing positioned along a second axis and configured to hold a second compound which melts at a second given temperature; and
- a one-piece connector physically connecting the first and second indicator stick housings along different axes.
- 2. (Original) The dual temperature indicator stick assembly of claim 1 further comprising:
- a pair of resistance mechanisms attached to one of the first and second indicator stick housings to limit rotational movement of the first and second indicator sticks;
- a pair of collets having threads, each collet rotatably coupled to one of the first and second housings; and
- wherein each of the pair of collets is configured to engage separate indicator sticks upon rotation of a collet about one of the first and second axis.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The dual temperature indicator stick of claim 1 wherein the connector comprises a longitudinal member having curved ends, the curved ends configured to secure the first and second indicator stick housings to the connector.
- 4. (Original) The dual temperature indicator stick of claim 3 wherein the curved ends have hooks configured to engage the first and second indicator stick housings to prevent rotation of the first and second indicator stick housings.
- 5. (Original) The dual temperature indicator stick of claim 3 wherein each of the curved ends includes a pair of curved sections.

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- (Original) The dual temperature indicator stick of claim 3 wherein the connector slidingly secures the first and second indicator stick housings in a side-by-side relationship.
- 7. (Previously Presented) The dual temperature indicator stick of claim 4 wherein the first and second indicator stick housings have an exterior surface having a groove therein for engaging the hooks of the curved ends of the longitudinal member.
- 8. (Currently Amended) The dual temperature indicator stick of claim 1 wherein the connector is configured to snap fit the first and second indicator stick housings sticks to the connector.
- 9. (Original) The dual temperature indicator stick of claim 1 wherein the connector includes a clip member configured to permit attachment of the dual temperature indicator stick assembly to an object.
 - 10. (Original) A dual temperature indicator stick holder comprising:
- a connector assembly adapted to receive and position two temperature indicator sticks in a side-by-side relationship;
- a pair of advancement mechanisms configured to extend the two temperature indicator sticks from the connector assembly; and

wherein each of the pair of advancement mechanisms engages a respective temperature indicator stick upon rotation of a respective advancement mechanism.

11. (Previously Presented) The dual temperature indicator stick holder of claim 10 wherein the connector assembly includes a first housing element connected to a second element, each of the first and second housing elements having a single advancement mechanism secured thereto and capable of holding a temperature indicator stick therein.

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- 12. (Original) The dual temperature indicator stick holder of claim 11 wherein the connector assembly further includes a pair of resistance mechanisms attached to one of the first and second housing elements to limit rotational movement of the two temperature indicator sticks.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The dual temperature indicator stick holder of claim 11 wherein the first and second housing elements each has a groove on an outer surface to engage an end of a clamp that surrounds a portion of the circumference of the housing elements and prevents and prevent rotation of the first and second housing elements.
- 14. (Original) The dual temperature indicator stick holder of claim 10 wherein the connector assembly includes a clamp to align two temperature indicator stick housing elements along different axes.
- 15. (Original) The dual temperature indicator stick holder of claim 14 wherein the clamp has a longitudinal member having curved ends, the curved ends configured to slidingly secure the two temperature indicator stick housing elements in a side-by-side relationship.
 - 16. (Original) A dual temperature indicator stick apparatus comprising:

first means for indicating a first temperature;

second means for indicating a second temperature; and

means for retaining the first means to the second means in a side-by-side relationship to form an indicator stick assembly capable of indicating at least two temperatures.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16 further comprising a means for controlling movement of the first and second means.

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- 18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein the first and second means comprises a first temperature indicator stick and a second temperature indicator stick.
- 19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein the means for retaining the first means to the second means comprises a pair of tubular members secured together by a connector.
- 20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19 wherein the connector includes a longitudinal member having curved ends integrally molded to each of the tubular members.
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